

What is DME?

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is equipment which can stand repeated use, is used to serve a medical purpose and is appropriate for use within the home. DME is generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury.

What is a Prosthetic or Orthotic Device?

Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices are replacement, corrective, or supportive devices used to artificially replace a missing portion of the body, or to prevent or correct a physical deformity or malfunction, or used to support a weak or deformed portion of the body. An orthosis (brace) is a rigid or semi-rigid device used to support a weak or deformed body part or to restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. For Nevada Medicaid, dentures and eyeglasses are not considered prosthetics.

What are Medical Supplies?

These are disposable supplies or items which are not reusable and are used to serve a medical purpose. These are generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury.

What is DMEPOS?

Pronounced “demi-pose”, this is the acronym used as an aggregate term for durable medical equipment, prosthesis, orthotics, and/or disposable medical supplies.

How can I get a DMEPOS item?

A Medicaid eligible recipient’s treating physician, physician’s assistant, or certified nurse practitioner must order/prescribe medically necessary items.

Once an order/prescription is obtained, the recipient or their representative may go to any Nevada Medicaid DMEPOS supplier to obtain the items. Some items require a Prior Authorization and additional information before the item can be given to the recipient. The supplier will know how to submit a request for authorization to Medicaid.

Who pays for the items?

There are no copayments for DMEPOS for Nevada Medicaid and Check Up recipients.

Nevada Medicaid pays for a large number of medically necessary DMEPOS items. A full listing of the items is posted on the DHCFP website:

<http://dhcfp.state.nv.us/RatesUnit.htm>.

After the supplier gives the item(s) to the recipient or representative, the supplier will send a bill to Medicaid.

If a recipient has Medicare or other insurance, the supplier will bill them before billing Nevada Medicaid or Check Up for payment.

Sample of Items Paid for By Nevada Medicaid and Check Up

(When ordered and medically necessary)

Ambulatory (walking) Aids

- Canes
- Crutches
- Walkers

Mobility Equipment

- Power Operated Vehicles (POV)
- Wheelchairs (manual, specialty, pediatric and power wheelchairs)
- Wheelchair parts and batteries

Bath and Toileting Aids

- Bath or shower chair, tub stool or bench, transfer bench, tub and/or toilet rails
- Bedpans and urinals
- Commode chair
- Raised Toilet Seat

Beds and Accessories

- Beds (hospital-type)
- Pressure Reducing Mattresses and Overlays
- Trapeze bars, bedrails, and Hoyer lifts

Disposable Supplies

- Bandages and dressings for wound care
- Incontinent products such as disposable diapers, underpads, briefs and pull-ups for recipients 3 years of age and older.
- Intravenous Supplies

Orthotics and Prosthetics Devices

- Splints
- Various custom made or off-the-shelf products
- Walking boots



Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition

- Formulas (given through a feeding tube)
- Infusion pumps
- Some related supplies

Respiratory Care Services

- Apnea monitors
- Bi-Pap, C-Pap Devices and supplies
- Nebulizers
- Oximeters
- Oxygen and related supplies
- Ventilators

If you need help in obtaining DMEPOS, please contact the Nevada Medicaid and Check Up District Office closest to you.

- Carson City (775) 684-3651
- Elko (775) 753-1191
- Las Vegas (702) 668-4200
- Reno (775) 687-1900

For more specific information on covered items, recipient qualifications and prior authorization requirements, please refer to the Nevada Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Disposable Medical Supplies (DMEPOS) Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 1300 for policies at: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov> and the DMEPOS PT 33 Fee Schedule at: <http://dhcfp.state.nv.us/RatesUnit.htm>.



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